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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 155, 2/6/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON SB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 155, Prohibit local government regulation of agricultural seeds.

EXHIBIT(ags29a01)

00:02:10 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Chelcie Cargill, director, State Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

EXHIBIT(ags29a02)

00:08:03 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

00:09:09 Tom Butcher, president, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:11:05 Rhonda Hargenrider, self, farmer

00:12:58 Arleen Rice, vice president, Montana Agricultural Business Association

EXHIBIT(ags29a03)

00:15:35 Errol Rice, executive vice president, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

00:17:12 Jacob Baum, president, Montana Seed Trade Association

00:18:23 Gord Pearce, vice president, Montana Seed Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:20 Adam Haight, political organizer, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony:

00:24:38 Andy Gray, bureau chief, Commodity Services Bureau, Department of Agriculture

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:32 Sen. MacDonald

00:26:08 Sen. Lang

00:27:13 Sen. MacDonald

00:27:26 Ms. Cargill, MFBF

00:28:01 Sen. Salomon

00:28:42 Sen. Lang

00:30:53 Sen. Sands

00:31:13 Sen. Lang

00:32:16 Sen. Sands

00:32:46 Mr. Rice, MSGA

00:33:07 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:37 Sen. Lang

Committee Business

00:34:26 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:36 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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